

Appln. No. 10/609,431
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A bra strap retainer comprising:
a retaining member having an elongate main portion and opposite end portions which are adapted to keep straps of a bra on a user's back in proximate relationship to one another, said retaining member engaging the body of the straps without holes, eyelets, or loops being part of the straps;
wherein each of said end portions includes prongs extending outwardly therefrom and being spaced from said elongate main portion thus defining a slot therebetween, said prongs being essentially disposed in a plane with said elongate main portion.
3. (Currently Amended) A bra strap retainer as described in claim 2 1, wherein said prongs of each of said end portions extend outwardly from opposite sides of said elongate main portion.
4. (Original) A bra strap retainer as described in claim 3, wherein each of said prongs of a respective said end portion is curved and directed toward one of said prongs of the other said end portion.
5. (Original) A bra strap retainer as described in claim 4, wherein each of said prongs has an outer portion which is essentially disposed parallel to said elongate main portion, said prongs and said elongate main portion being adapted to retain the straps of the bra therebetween with the straps being wound through said slots between said prongs and said elongate main portion.

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6. (Original) A bra strap retainer as described in claim 5, wherein one of said end portions is essentially C-shaped, and the other of said end portions is essentially an inverted C-shape.

7. (Original) A bra strap retainer comprising:

a retaining member having an elongate main portion and opposite end portions which are adapted to keep straps of a bra on a user's back in proximate relationship to one another, said retaining member engaging the body of the straps without holes, eyelets, or loops being part of the straps. each of said end portions including prongs extending outwardly therefrom and being spaced from said elongate main portion thus defining a slot therebetween, said prongs being essentially disposed in a plane with said elongate main portion, said prongs of each of said end portions extending outwardly from opposite sides of said elongate main portion, each of said prongs of a respective said end portion being curved and directed toward one of said prongs of the other said end portion, each of said prongs having an outer portion which is essentially disposed parallel to said elongate main portion, said prongs and said elongate main portion being adapted to retain the straps of the bra therebetween with the straps being wound through said slots between said prongs and said elongate main portion, one of said end portions being essentially C-shaped, and the other of said end portions being essentially an inverted C-shape, said retaining member having a length of approximately 1 inch and a thickness of approximately 1/8 inch with each end portion having a width of approximately 1 inch.